

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the title, insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 2, after line 15, please add the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 2, please delete lines 19-20 and add the following paragraph:

~~This objective is achieved by automatic stripping pliers with the features of claim 1.~~ This objective, as well as other objectives which will become apparent from the discussion that follows, are achieved, in accordance with the present invention, by providing wire stripping pliers that comprise at least one knife unit having at least one knife holder and a knife carriage articulated on the knife holder; a clamping arm unit with at least one clamping jaw disposed on the front end thereof; a housing base having an upper clamping arm in which the knife unit is displaceably

guided; at least one clamping jaw; a clamping arm bearing whereon the clamping arm unit can be pivotally mounted; a handle lever unit which is pivotally connected to a housing base on a handle lever bearing and an articulated lever having a first and a second articulated lever arm which are connected to each other in a pivotable manner by an articulated lever center axis. The first articulated lever arm is guided with the first articulated lever axis in a guiding connecting link of the clamping arm unit; the second articulated lever is fixed in an articulated manner to the knife unit; and the articulated lever center axis is guided in the handle lever unit.

On page 5, delete lines 6-9 and insert the paragraph and heading:

~~Additional advantageous embodiments of the invention become apparent from the sub-claims and are explained below based on an exemplary embodiment with reference made to a drawing. The Figures show in detail:~~

For a full understanding of the present invention, reference should now be made to the following detailed description of the preferred embodiments of the invention as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 5, lines 12-19, please amend the paragraphs to read as follows:

Figs. 1 to 3 are cross-sectional side views of the stripping pliers according to the invention at various operational positions~~+~~.

Fig. 4 shows the stripping pliers according to Figs. 1 to 3 with a long cable end~~+~~.

Fig. 5 is a side view of the stripping pliers~~+~~ of Figs. 1 to 3.

Fig. 6 is a side cross-sectional view of another preferred embodiment of the stripping pliers with a cable cutter~~+~~and.

Fig. 7 is a cross-sectional side view of ~~an additional~~ still another preferred embodiment of stripping pliers according to the invention.

On page 9, before line 1, please insert the following heading and paragraph:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

The preferred embodiments of the present invention will now be described with reference to Figs. 1-7 of the drawings.
Identical elements in the various figures are designated with the same reference numerals.

On page 20, lines 18-20, please delete the paragraphs as follows:

Reference character list:

~~100 Stripping pliers~~

~~20, 20' Base housing~~

On pages 21 and 22, please delete the entire page of each as follows:

~~21 Clamping jaw~~

~~22 — Knife holder guide groove~~

~~23, 23' — Articulated clamping arm bearing~~

~~24 — Hand grip section~~

~~25 — Upper clamping arm~~

~~26' — Pressure point element~~

~~27' — Pressure point element guide groove~~

~~30, 30' — Clamping arm unit~~

~~31 — Clamping jaw~~

~~32 — Guide link~~

~~33 — Locking notch~~

~~34 — Elbow lever axis guide groove~~

~~35' — Damping element~~

~~36' — Elongated hole~~

~~40 — Knife unit~~

~~41 — Knife holder~~

~~42 — Guide cams~~

~~43 — Upper knife element~~

~~44 — Knife unit joint~~

~~45 — Knife carriage~~

~~46 — Lower knife element~~

~~47 — Elbow lever axis guide groove~~

~~48 — Spring element receiving axis~~

~~49 Knife unit guide roll~~
~~50 Stop element~~
~~52 Stop surface~~
~~60 Handle lever unit~~
~~61 Articulated handle lever bearing~~
~~62 Stop bolt~~
~~63 Articulated spring element bearing~~
~~64 Hand grip section~~
~~65 Guide strip~~
~~66 Elbow lever axis guide groove~~
~~70 Elbow lever unit~~
~~71 First elbow lever end axis~~
~~72 First elbow lever~~
~~73 Elbow lever center axis~~
~~74 Elbow lever guide roll~~
~~75 Second elbow lever~~
~~76 Second elbow lever end axis~~
~~80 Spring element~~
~~81 Upper spring support element~~
~~82 Lower spring support element~~
~~83 Compression spring~~

1—Cable

On page 22, after the last line, insert the following paragraph:

There has thus been shown and described a novel automatic wire stripper which fulfills all the objects and advantages sought therefor. Many changes, modifications, variations and other uses and applications of the subject invention will, however, become apparent to those skilled in the art after considering this specification and the accompanying drawings which disclose the preferred embodiments thereof. All such changes, modifications, variations and other uses and applications which do not depart from the spirit and scope of the invention are deemed to be covered by the invention, which is to be limited only by the claims which follow.